

Route 3 Rollover Kills Kingston Company Driver

Owner suffers fatal heart attack at news

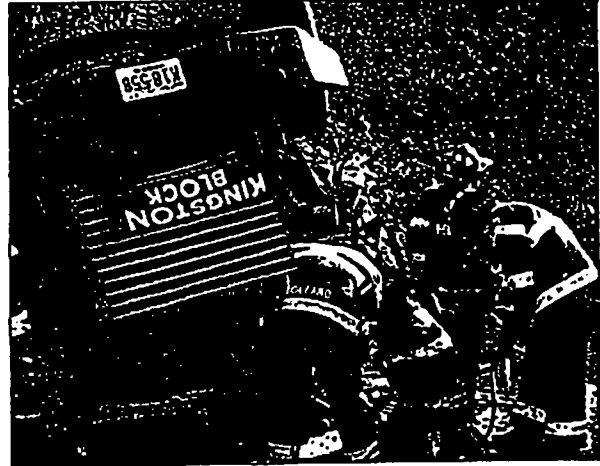
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The driver from a Kingston company was killed last Wednesday afternoon when his truck struck an overpass on Route 3 south between exits 12 and 11 in Duxbury.

Thirty-five-year-old Daniel E. Reddington, an employee of Kingston Block, was traveling on the highway in one of the company's 1998 Mack 600 10-wheeled boom trucks when a portion of that truck struck the North Street overpass at 2:08 p.m., according to State Police Troopers Scott Kearns and Kevin Nichols. Duxbury Fire Chief Kevin Nord said the impact tore the back of the truck off causing Reddington to lose control of the vehicle. The truck rolled over landing on the roof of the cab. Reddington of Plymouth was pronounced dead at the scene.

In a further tragic twist, Duxbury Police Chief Mark DeLuca said the co-owner of the company, Ben Iannucci, suffered a fatal heart attack after learning about the death of one of his employees. Although the company did not issue a formal comment, an employee who wished not to be identified said the company sends its "condolences to both families."

Nord said Duxbury firefighters were assisted by Marshfield's department for "extensive extrication using two sets of jaws." Nord said



Duxbury and Marshfield firefighters participated in an "extensive extrication" according to Duxbury Fire Chief Kevin Nord.

Photos by Matt Gaskins

100 gallons of fuel were spilled on the highway as a result of the accident. Firefighters were able to prevent the fuel from spreading into the storm drains by using absorbent materials like boons, a white fabric. The Department of Environmental Protection was also notified. Nord said about a dozen firefighters from his department were on scene until 6:30 p.m.

The accident forced southbound traffic to be diverted to Exit 12 and then access the highway again at Exit 11. Nord said he didn't think that portion of the highway was reopened until after midnight. Duxbury Police Lt. Roger Banfill said a jagged portion of the guardrail along Route 3

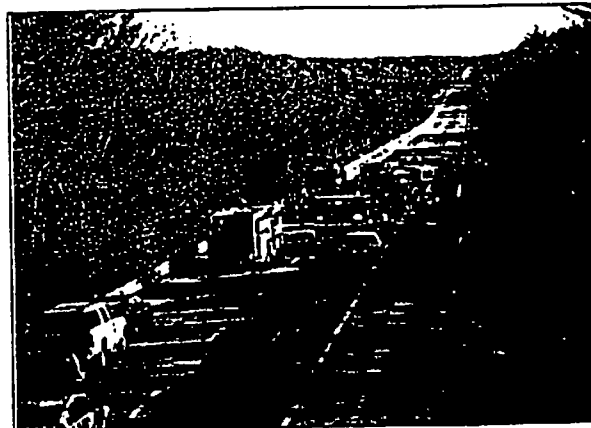
was repaired overnight.

The North Street overpass sustained structural damage causing that to be closed to traffic as well. Duxbury police officers stretched yellow tape across the overpass and stood guard so that motorists would not drive over it. On Thursday, Banfill said the north side of the overpass heading westbound remains closed while a division of the state DPW investigates. He said that all officers on duty and several members of the town's DPW assisted at the scene.

William Green of Marshfield crossed the North Street overpass after the accident, but before the bridge was closed.

"I didn't feel a difference in the bridge when I was crossing, but I knew something was wrong because people were looking down onto the highway," Green said.

The State Police said the cause of the crash remains under investigation by the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section. State Police, Duxbury Fire and Duxbury Police were assisted by Marshfield Fire and Police, Plymouth Police, Hanover Police, Pembroke Police, the Massachusetts Highway Department and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.



Emergency personnel from five towns and the state police responded to the scene of last Wednesday's rollover in the southbound lanes of Route 3 between exits 12 and 11.